IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims to read as follows.

1-14 (cancelled).

15. (currently amended): A reactive dye of formula

$$A = N \xrightarrow{\mid 1 \mid} V_1 \xrightarrow{\mid 1 \mid} N = B = N \xrightarrow{\mid 1 \mid} V_2 \xrightarrow{\mid 1 \mid} T$$

$$N \xrightarrow{\mid 1 \mid} N \xrightarrow{\mid 1 \mid} N = N \xrightarrow{\mid 1 \mid} N \xrightarrow{\mid 1 \mid} N$$

$$X_1 \xrightarrow{\mid 1 \mid} X_2 \xrightarrow{\mid 1 \mid} X_2$$

$$(1),$$

wherein

A is the radical of a monoazo, polyazo, metal complex azo, anthraquinone, phthalocyanine, formazan or dioxazine chromophore,

 R_1 , R_2 and R_3 are each independently of the others hydrogen or unsubstituted or substituted C_1 - C_4 alkyl,

X₁ and X₂ are halogen,

B is C_2 - C_{12} alkylene that may be interrupted by 1, 2 or 3 members from the group -NH-, -N(CH₃)- or O- and that is unsubstituted or substituted by hydroxy, sulfo, sulfato, syano or by carboxy a radical of formula -CH₂-CH(R₇)- or -(R₇)CH-CH₂-, wherein R₇ is C_1 - C_4 alkyl,

T is a reactive radical of formula

$$\begin{array}{c}
R_5 \\
-N-alk-SO_2-Y \\
R_4
\end{array}$$
(2a),

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
-N-alk-Q-alk_{1}-SO_{2}-Y \\
I \\
R_{6}
\end{array} (2b),$$

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$$-N$$
 — arylene — $(alk)_n$ — W — alk_1 — SO_2 — Y (2d),

$$-N$$
N-alk- SO_2 -Y (2e) or

R₄ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄alkyl unsubstituted or substituted by hydroxy, sulfo, sulfato, carboxy or by cyano,

or a radical R_5 , wherein R_5 is as defined hereinbelow, —alk— SO_2 -Y

R₅ is hydrogen, hydroxy, sulfo, sulfato, carboxy, cyano, halogen, C₁-C₄alkoxycarbonyl, C₁-C₄alkanoyloxy, carbamoyl or a group -SO₂-Y,

R₆ is hydrogen or C₁-C₄alkyl,

alk and alk₁ are each independently of the other linear or branched C₁-C₆alkylene, arylene is an unsubstituted or sulfo-, carboxy-, hydroxy-, C₁-C₄alkyl-, C₁-C₄alkoxy- or halo-substituted phenylene or naphthylene radical,

Y is vinyl or a radical -CH2-CH2-U and U is a leaving group,

Y₁ is a group -CH(Hal)-CH₂(Hal) or -C(Hal)=CH₂, wherein Hal is chlorine or bromine,

W is a group -SO₂-NR₆-, -CONR₆- or -NR₆CO-, wherein R₆ is as defined hereinabove,

Q is a radical -O- or -NR $_6$ -, wherein R $_6$ is as defined hereinabove,

n is the number 0 or 1, and

 V_1 and V_2 are each independently of the other N, C-H, C-Cl or C-F, with the exception of the dyes of formulae

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- 16. (original): A print paste, comprising a reactive dye of formula (1) according to claim 15.
- 17. (previously presented): A reactive dye according to claim 15, wherein R₁ is hydrogen or C₁-C₄alkyl.
- 18. (previously presented): A reactive dye according to claim 15, wherein R_2 and R_3 are each independently of the other hydrogen, or C_1 - C_4 alkyl unsubstituted or substituted by hydroxy, sulfo, sulfato, cyano or by carboxy.
- 19-21 (cancelled).
- 22. (previously presented): A reactive dye according to claim 15, wherein X_1 and X_2 are each independently of the other chlorine or fluorine.
- 23. (previously presented): A reactive dye according to claim 15, wherein one of the radicals X_1 and X_2 is fluorine and the other is chlorine, or X_1 and X_2 are both fluorine.
- 24. (previously presented): A reactive dye according to claim 15, wherein T is a group of formula

$$--NH - SO_2-Y$$
 (2c') or

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$$-NH - (CH2)2-3-SO2-Y$$

$$(2d'),$$

wherein Y is vinyl, β -chloroethyl oder β -sulfatoethyl.

25. (previously presented): A reactive dye according to claim 15, wherein V_1 and V_2 are N.

26. (currently amended): A reactive dye according to claim 15, wherein A is a radical of formula

$$(P_8)_{0-3}$$
 HO HO₃S (7a),

$$(R_8)_{0.3}$$

$$N=N$$

$$HO_3S$$

$$SO_3H$$

$$(7b),$$

in which formulae $(R_8)_{0-3}$ denotes from 0 to 3 identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, halogen, carboxy and sulfo,

$$(HO_3S)_{1\cdot3} \xrightarrow{HO}_{N=N} (7d),$$

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$$(HO_3S)_{1-3}$$
 $N=N$ $(7e),$

wherein (R₉)₀₋₄ denotes from 0 to 4 identical or different substituents <u>selected</u> from the group_ <u>consisting of</u> halogen, nitro, cyano, trifluoromethyl, sulfamoyl, carbamoyl, C₁-C₄alkyl, C₁-C₄alkoxy, amino, acetylamino, ureido, hydroxy, carboxy, sulfomethyl and sulfo,

$$(HO_3S)_{1.3}$$
 HO_3S
 HO_3S
 SO_2H
 $(7f)$

$$(SO_3H)_{0\cdot 2} \qquad HO$$

$$N=N$$

$$HO_3S$$

$$NHR_{10}$$

$$(7g),$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c} (SO_3H)_{0\cdot 2} & HO \\ \hline N=N \\ HO_3S & SO_3H \end{array}$$
 (7h),

in which formulae R₁₀ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄alkanoyl, benzoyl or a halotriazinyl radical of the formula

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
 & N \\
 & N \\
 & N \\
 & N \\
 & X_2'
\end{array}$$
(6g),

in which T₁ is a reactive radical of formula

$$\begin{array}{c}
R_5 \\
-N-alk-SO_2-Y \\
R_4
\end{array}$$
(2a),

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$$-N-alk-Q-alk_1-SO_2-Y$$

$$R_6$$
(2b),

$$-N$$
 — arylene — $(alk)_n$ — W — alk_1 — SO_2 Y (2d),

$$-N$$
 N—alk— SO_2 —Y (2e) or

R₄ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄alkyl unsubstituted or substituted by hydroxy, sulfo, sulfato, carboxy or by cyano,

 R_5 is hydrogen, hydroxy, sulfo, sulfato, carboxy, cyano, halogen, C_1 - C_4 alkoxycarbonyl,

C₁-C₄alkanoyloxy, carbamoyl or a group -SO₂-Y,

R₆ is hydrogen or C₁-C₄alkyl,

alk and alk₁ are each independently of the other linear or branched C₁-C₆alkylene,

arylene is an unsubstituted or sulfo-, carboxy-, hydroxy-, C₁-C₄alkyl-, C₁-C₄alkoxy- or halo-substituted phenylene or naphthylene radical,

Y is vinyl or a radical -CH2-CH2-U and U is a leaving group,

Y₁ is a group -CH(Hal)-CH₂(Hal) or -C(Hal)=CH₂, wherein Hal is chlorine or bromine,

W is a group -SO₂-NR₆-, -CONR₆- or -NR₆CO-, wherein R₆ is as defined hereinabove,

Q is a radical -O- or -NR₆-, wherein R₆ is as defined hereinabove,

n is the number 0 or 1,

X₂' is halogen, and

R₃' is hydrogen or unsubstituted or substituted C₁-C₄alkyl,

$$(SO_3H)_{0\cdot 2} \quad HO, NH_2$$

$$N=N$$

$$N=N$$

$$COOH, CH_3$$

$$(R_{11})_{0\cdot 3}$$

$$(7i),$$

$$(SO_3H)_{0\cdot 2} \quad HO, NH_2$$

$$N=N$$

$$N=N$$

$$COOH, CH_3$$

$$(R_{11})_{0\cdot 3}$$

$$(7j),$$

in which formulae $(R_{11})_{0-3}$ denotes from 0 to 3 identical or different substituents <u>selected</u> from the group <u>consisting of C₁-C₄alkyl, C₁-C₄alkoxy, halogen, carboxy and sulfo,</u>

$$(SO_3H)_{0-2}$$
 $N=N$
 $N=N$

wherein R₁₂ and R₁₄ are each independently of the other hydrogen, C₁-C₄alkyl or phenyl and R₁₃ is hydrogen, cyano, carbamoyl or sulfomethyl,

$$Y-O_2S$$
 $N=N$
 HO_3S
 SO_3H
 $(71),$

wherein $(R_{15})_{0-2}$ denotes from 0 to 2 identical or different substituents <u>selected</u> from the group <u>consisting of C₁-C₄alkyl, C₁-C₄alkoxy, halogen, carboxy and sulfo; and Y is as defined hereinabove,</u>

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$$(R_{16})_{0-2}$$
 HO HN-CO-
 $(7m)$,
 $(7m)$

wherein $(R_{16})_{0\cdot 2}$ denotes from 0 to 2 identical or different substituents <u>selected</u> from the group <u>consisting of C₁-C₄alkyl, C₁-C₄alkoxy, halogen, carboxy and sulfo, and Y has the definitions given hereinabove,</u>

$$N = N$$

$$(R_g)_{0-3} \qquad (R_g)_{0-3} \qquad (7n),$$

$$(HO_3S)_{0:3}$$
 $N=N$
 $(R_9)_{0:3}$
 $(R_9)_{0:3}$

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$$(HO_3S)_{1-3}$$
 $N = N$
 $(R_8)_{0-3}$
 $(R_{10})_{0-3}$
 $(7r),$

$$N = N$$

$$(R_g)_{0-3}$$

$$(R_g)_{0-3}$$

$$(R_g)_{0-3}$$

$$(7s) \text{ and }$$

in which formulae $(R_8)_{0\cdot3}$ denotes from 0 to 3 identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, halogen, carboxy and sulfo, $(R_8')_{0\cdot3}$ denotes from 0 to 3 identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, acetylamino, halogen, carboxy, sulfo, C_1 - C_4 hydroxyalkoxy and C_1 - C_4 sulfatoalkoxy, $(R_9)_{0\cdot3}$ denotes from 0 to 3 identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, nitro, cyano, trifluoromethyl, sulfamoyl, carbamoyl, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, amino, acetylamino, ureido, hydroxy, carboxy, sulfomethyl and sulfo, $(R_{10}')_{0\cdot3}$ denotes from 0 to 3 identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, halogen, carboxy and sulfo, and Y is as defined hereinabove,

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$$(HO_{3}S)_{0\cdot 2} - COO O CU N N N N (SO_{3}H)_{0\cdot 1}$$

$$(8b)_{7}$$

wherein the benzene nuclei do not contain any further substituents or are further substituted by C₁-C₄alkyl, C₁-C₄alkoxy, C₁-C₄alkylsulfonyl, halogen or carboxy,

$$Pc = \begin{cases} (SO_2R)_k \\ SO_2 \cdot N - E - \\ R_{17} \end{cases}$$
 (9),

wherein Pc is the radical of a metal phthalocyanine; R is -OH and/or -NR₁₈R₁₉; R₁₈ and R₁₉ are each independently of the other hydrogen or unsubstituted or hydroxy- or sulfo-substituted C₁-C₄alkyl; R₁₇ is hydrogen or C₁-C₄alkyl; E is a phenylene radical unsubstituted or substituted by C₁-C₄alkyl, halogen, carboxy or by sulfo or is a C₂-C₆alkylene radical; and k is from 1 to 3,

$$H - (E')_{V'} - HN - (E')_{V'} - HN - (E')_{V} - (SO_{2}-Y)_{S}$$

$$(10),$$

$$(Y-O_{2}S)_{S} - (SO_{2}-Y)_{S}$$

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wherein E' is a phenylene radical unsubstituted or substituted by C_1 - C_4 alkyl, halogen, carboxy or by sulfo or is a C_2 - C_6 alkylene radical, r, s, v and v' are each independently of the others the number 0 or 1 and Y is as defined hereinabove, or

$$\begin{array}{c}
O & NH_2 \\
SO_3H
\end{array}$$
(11),

wherein G is a phenylene radical unsubstituted or substituted by C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, halogen, carboxy or by sulfo, or is a cyclohexylene, phenylenemethylene or C_2 - C_6 alkylene radical, each of which contains at least 2 sulfo groups.

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